UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

STEVE MACRINA, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Civil Action No. 1:07-cv-04108-JGK

Plaintiff,

CLASS ACTION

VS.

J. ROGER MOYER, JR., et al.,

Defendants.

BRIAN JOHNSON, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Civil Action No. 1:07-cv-04652-JGK

Plaintiff,

: <u>CLASS ACTION</u>

vs.

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP., et al.,

Defendants.

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DISTRICT NO. 9, I.A. OF M. & A.W. PENSION TRUST'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION, APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFF AND FOR APPROVAL OF SELECTION OF LEAD COUNSEL

CASTLE STRATEGIC TRADING, LLC, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

: <u>CLASS ACTION</u>

vs.

J. ROGER MOYER, JR., et al.,

Defendants.

Plaintiff,

JEFFREY M. COOLEY, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP., et al.,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:07-cv-05671-JGK

Civil Action No. 1:07-cv-05594-JGK

CLASS ACTION

District No. 9, I.A. of M. & A.W. Pension Trust ("District No. 9") respectfully submits this memorandum of law in further support of its Motion for Consolidation, Appointment as Lead Plaintiff and for Approval of Selection of Lead Counsel. Based upon a review of the submissions by other lead plaintiff applicants, it appears that District No. 9 does not have the largest financial interest in the relief sought in this case. District No. 9, however, remains ready, willing and able to serve as Lead Plaintiff should it be determined that for any reason, the movants with larger losses than District No. 9 are inadequate, atypical or procedurally barred from leading this litigation on behalf of the class.

DATED: August 7, 2007 Respectfully submitted,

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 7, 2007.

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